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1. REFTELS GIVE BACKGROUND OF OUR EFFORTS AT CURRENT ECOSOC TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR THE CONVENING OF A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON A SPECIFIED DATE (WE WOULD PREFER 1978) TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS ON SUBJECT AGREEMENT. ITEM FORMALLY COMES UP FOR CONSIDERATION ON JULY 26. G-77 SCHEDULED TO MEET EITHER TODAY OR TOMORROW TO CONSIDER OUR RESOLUTION.

2. SINCE EUROPEANS ARE COOL TO OUR INITIATIVE, OUR ONLY CHANCE OF SUCCESS IS TO PRODUCE A CONSENSUS WITH THE G-77. IN THIS CONTEXT, NIGERIA PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE, BOTH IN ITS OWN RIGHT AND AS AFRICAN SPOKESMAN. FYI. CONSELOR EJOH ABUAH IS THE KEY PERSONALITY. HE HAS BEEN VERY DIFFICULT TO PIN DOWN: WHILE PRIVATELY INDICATING TO US THAT HE WOULD BE HELPFUL, WE HAVE BEEN RELIABLY CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORMED THAT HE HAS ACTED OTHERWISE IN G-77 COUNCILS. END FYI.

3. ACCORDINGLY USDEL WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF USUN COULD CONTACT NIGERIAN PERMREP HARRIMAN TO SEEK HIS SUPPORT AND TO REQUEST THAT HE IMMEDIATELY SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO THE NIGERIAN DELEGATION ALONG THOSE LINES. IN ADDITION

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TO TALKING POINTS PROVIDED REFTEL, THE FOLLOWING MAY BE HELPFUL.

-- USG INITIATIVE WAS IN RESPONSE TO G-77 INITIATIVE AT 30TH UNGA CALLING FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO ELIMINATE CORRUPT PRACTICES. IN TERMS OF SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS, WE HAVE ALSO ACCEPTED (AND INCLUDED IN DRAFT TEXT) THEIR REQUEST FOR SOME FORM OF EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.

-- ONE ISSUE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO AFRICANS, NAMELY "ILLICIT PAYMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA," WE HAVE ACCEPTED ITS INCLUSION IN THE CURRENT TEXT THOUGH WITHOUT COMMITMENT ON SUBSTANCE . ACCORDINGLY, THIS WILL BE AN ISSUE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE AND AT LEAST OPENS UP THE POSSIBILITY FOR SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS.

-- THIS IS AN ISSUE TO WHICH THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION (INCLUDING PRESIDENT CARTER PERSONALLY) ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE. FAILURE TO MOVE FORWARD IN THIS AREA ON WHICH THERE IS COMMON CONSENSUS COULD REDOUND NEGATIVELY TO ATTITUDES TOWARD THE UN. VANDEN HEUVEL

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